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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY NAMED INTERIM  
EDUCATION MINISTER

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3002

INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY HAS BEEN NAMED INTERIM  
EDUCATION MINISTER, REPLACING OUTGOING RICARDO BRUERA WHOSE  
MONTH OLD RESIGNATION WAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED THIS WEEK. (THE  
APPOINTMENT FOLLOWED ERRONEOUS PRESS REPORTS THAT  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PEDRO JOSE FRIAS, A CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER  
WITH CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WOULD BE SWORN  
IN AS EDUCATION MINISTER ON MAY 23, FRIAS, WHO REPORTEDLY  
RESISTED STRONG VIDELA PRESSURE TO TAKE THE EDUCATION MINISTRY  
JOB, TOLD FRIENDS HE WOULD MUCH PREFER REMAINING ON THE SUPREME  
COURT TO TAKING ON THE THANKLESS AND DANGEROUSLY POLITICAL JOB  
OF EDUCATION MINISTER.) IN A FAREWELL STATEMENT, OUTGOING  
MINISTER BRUERA DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS AN EDUCATOR WHO ASSUMED  
A POLITICAL ROLE. HE SAID HE RESIGNED BECAUSE HE "LACKED  
FORCES TO ENSURE THAT THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THIS MINISTRY  
WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS PART OF A NATIONAL PROJECT." BRUERA  
SAID THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS IN THE EDUCATIONAL AREA WERE  
HIRING AND TENURE OF TEACHERS, LOW SALARIES AND REORGANIZATION  
OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE  
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UNIVERSITIES HAVE REMAINED CALM SINCE THE APPOINTMENT OF UNI-  
VERSITY RECTORS A YEAR AGO. COMMENT: THE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING  
A REPLACEMENT FOR BRUERA ATTESTS TO THE SENSITIVITY AND CON-  
FLICTS OF OPINION SURROUNDING THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR. MILI-  
TARY HARDLINERS AND PARTICULARLY THE NAVY, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE EDUCATION MINISTRY, IS APPARENTLY DETERMINED THAT  
"IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION" WILL BE ENERGETICALLY ROOTED OUT IN

THE UNIVERSITIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A POSITION THAT MODER-  
ATE ELEMENTS ARE APPARENTLY HESITANT TO ACCEPT AT THE PRESENT  
TIME. INTELLECTUAL AND STUDENT GROUPS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY  
QUIET FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW.  
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